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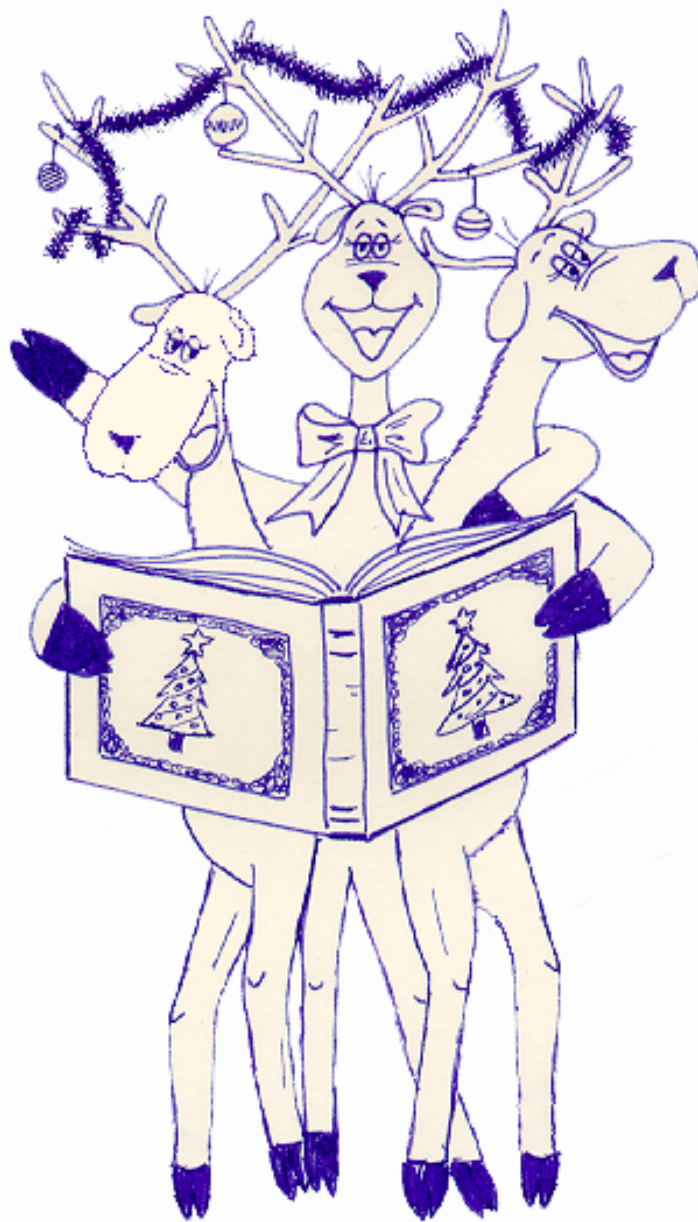
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# *Happy Holidays*



### ***Holiday Fact***

Christmas was once a moveable feast celebrated many different times during the year. The choice of 25 December was made by Pope Julius I in the fourth century AD.



### ***Holiday Fact***

The decorating of Christmas trees, though primarily a German custom, has been widely popular in England since 1841 when Prince Albert had a Christmas tree set up in Windsor Castle for his wife Queen Victoria and their children.

## **Command Deck**

This month's column from the Command Deck is short, because the message is simple and from the heart: Thank you!

Thank you for:

- “hanging in there” during the toughest of times.
- staying focused on the mission when others might have given up.
- fielding, site by site, dramatic new logistics capability for our customers.
- taking in stride, one more time, a new and challenging mission for the JLSC, that of Logistics Community Manager.
- working in true team fashion to improve processes and products.
- learning something new, every day!

The Holiday Season upon us is, eternally, a time for Thanksgiving, for Hope, and for Renewal. Each of us has reason to be grateful, family to celebrate with, friends to draw near. I am proud of what we have achieved together, grateful for the chance to work with you, and eager for the new year, which can be our most rewarding yet.

Take time, during the bustle of the coming weeks, to slow down and smell the roses — even if they are covered with snow by the time this is printed! Above all, please keep yourself and those nearest to you safe and sound over the holidays. Let's resolve to make 1997 our best year ever!



David A. Herrelko  
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Commander



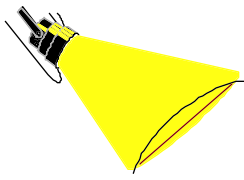
## CALS '96

The 9<sup>th</sup> annual CALS conference and exposition was held 28-31 October. This year's theme for CALS '96 focused on "Integrated Information Solutions for Electronic Commerce." The event was held at the Long Beach Convention Center, Long Beach CA, where over 100 exhibits were on display for this four-day event. The JLSC participated in the expo with demonstrations from CIW with the Automated Systems Demonstrations and from MM with the Deficiency Reporting System (DRS). CIW also contributed to track sessions in the conference: Ms. Karen Wells delivered a speech on Digital Data in the Land of DoD Logistics and Mr. Bob Howell (Loral) delivered a speech on Constructing a Viable Electronic Commerce/Electronic Data Interchange Plan.



### *Holiday Fact*

Hanukkah is a Jewish celebration that takes place around the time of the Winter Solstice and lasts for eight days, beginning the twenty-fifth of the Hebrew month Kislev (November-December). It celebrates the victory of Judah Maccabee over the Syrian tyrant Antiochus over 2100 years ago. After seven years of fighting, during which Judah won a number of battles over the Syrian armies, he returned with his followers to Jerusalem, determined to cleanse and rededicate the Temple which had been desecrated by Antiochus. When it came time to light the Holy Light, they found just one jar of oil, enough to light the lamp for only one day. It would take eight days to prepare fresh consecrated oil. Miraculously, the one jar of oil burned for eight days and eight nights.



## Personal Spotlight



Jo Dixon is the program manager of the JLSC's Integrated Management System (IMS). Prior to coming to the JLSC one and a half years ago, she was the Assistant for Management Systems with the General Defense Intelligence Program (GDIP) Staff of the Defense

Intelligence Agency (DIA) at the Pentagon.

Jo's hometown is Arlington VA, home of Arlington National Cemetery and the Pentagon. Jo points out that she was one of the few remaining Washington DC metropolitan area natives until she came to Dayton. She recently got married (9 August) into an "instant family" - husband Clifford, "a truly gentle man"; and two "lovely" stepdaughters, Allison (age 14) and Cassandra (age 12). Jo says that it's been quite an adjustment, as anyone with teenagers knows, but she thinks that the girls are finally starting to like her.

Jo's personal goal is to register her renovated 1874 home with the National Register of Historic Places and turn it into a Bed and Breakfast. If the B&B doesn't work out, then she could always become a plumber, having learned the trade from the plumber that practically moved into the house during the renovation period. The self-proclaimed "domestic goddess" enjoys spending her free time on landscaping and renovations.

Both Jo and Cliff are big baseball fans. They spent their first date at a Prince William Cannons baseball game in Virginia and their wedding night at a Cincinnati Reds baseball game. She enjoys eating anything Italian and likes to read magazines that contain decorating or antique suggestions. Jo's most memorable experience was driving to the top of Haleakala volcanic crater in Maui with her sister at 3:00 a.m. to observe the sunrise. Jo states, "It was absolutely spectacular and almost spiritual. The top of the crater was above the clouds (10,023 feet), and it was so cold and windy that you could barely stand outside the vehicle. IT WAS FABULOUS! The drive was extremely scary, too - hairpin turns all the way to the top in total darkness." Jo's favorite quote is: "I hate it when that happens!"

## On the Home Front

### *Congratulations*

Bob Bias (MMD) and Sharon Bias (DMO) are the proud parents of Megan Rose--born 25 November.

### *Arrivals*

DK2 Melissa Swanson joins CS from Patron Four Five, Naval Air Station Jacksonville FL.

SSgt Larry Melton comes to CS from the 88th Military Personnel Flight, Wright-Patterson AFB.

### *Departures*

Mr. Archie Davidson left the JLSC for the Marine Corps Logistics Base, Albany GA.



### *Holiday Fact*

Kwanzaa is a cultural festival during which African-Americans celebrate and reflect upon their rich heritage as the products of two worlds. It begins 26 December and lasts for seven days. Kwanzaa was founded in 1966 by Dr. Maulana Karenga, a college professor and African-American leader, who believed that a special holiday could help African-Americans meet their goals of building strong families, learning about their history, and creating a sense of unity. After conducting extensive research in which he studied the festivals of many African groups of people, he decided that the new holiday should be a harvest or celebration, incorporating ideas from many different harvest traditions. Kwanzaa is a Kiswahili word meaning the first fruits of the harvest.



### ***Holiday Fact***

From the English we get a story to explain the custom of hanging stockings from the mantelpiece. Father Christmas once dropped some gold coins while coming down the chimney. The coins would have fallen through the ash grate and been lost if they hadn't landed in a stocking that had been hung out to dry. Since that time children have continued to hang out stockings in hopes of finding them filled with gifts.



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### **Building 167 Adopt-A-Family**

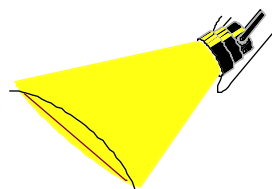
Continuing with a tradition that started last year, DM is sponsoring two families this holiday season, but this year, DM invited all Building 167 JLSC personnel to participate. They are collecting donations in the form of gifts, canned goods, dry goods, or money (which will be used for gift certificates). All of the donations will be delivered to the families on or about 20 December. For more information, contact Michelle Corcoran and Linda Innis at 50760 extensions 3037 and 3026, respectively.

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### ***Holiday Fact***

The custom of singing carols at Christmas is of English origin. During the middle ages, groups of serenaders called "waits" would travel around from house to house singing ancient carols and spreading the holiday spirit. The word "carol" means "song of joy." Most of the popular old carols we sing today were written in the nineteenth century.

### **Personal Spotlight**



Vince Lewis is a Senior Program Analyst with SYTEX, Incorporated providing assistance to the Materiel Management Director. He is a retired Air Force officer with over 24 years of service. Much of his Air Force career was spent as a pilot flying B-52 bombers. He also spent eleven years in



acquisition and is certified Level III in Program Management and Acquisition Logistics. He is a graduate of Defense Systems Management College. His most memorable experience was briefing the Secretary of the Air Force and the Chief of Staff on the results of a nine-month-long classified inspection of the mission of space in the Air Force. Vince has a Bachelor's degree in Liberal Arts from Loyola University of Los Angeles and a Master of Science in Systems Management from the University of Southern California.

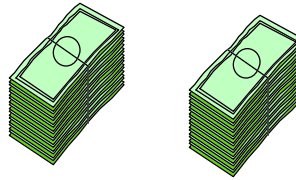
Vince was born in Kansas City MO and raised in Los Angeles CA. He and his wife Charlette have four children: daughters Angela and Christina, and sons Patrick and Daniel. His daughter Angela and her husband Brian Schneider are the parents of Vince's and Charlette's granddaughter Alisha who is two years old. Their son Patrick is a recent graduate of Purdue University with a degree in Aerospace Engineering. He is currently employed by Hughes Space and Missile Systems Division in Tucson AZ where he is also pursuing his master's degree in engineering.

Vince's number one hobby is his children. He is also an avid jogger and enjoys home landscaping and collecting large-scale trains. His immediate goal is to complete short-term financial objectives so that he can enter full-time service in Christian Ministry. To that end, he has already spoken at over one hundred churches and civic organizations and has been a guest speaker on several radio and television programs. Also relative to Vince's long term goal is his favorite book, the Bible.

Vince has a passionate liking for Mexican food and buys Tabasco in pint jars. He is a member of the Air Force Association, the Armed Forces Communications and Electronics Association, the American Defense Preparedness Association, and the Beavercreek City Charter Commission. His favorite quote is: "All success is preceded by discipline."

### ***Holiday Fact***

Ta Chiu is a Taoist festival of peace and renewal that takes place on 27 December in Hong Kong. The participants summon all of their gods and ghosts so that the gods' collective power will renew their lives. Images of patron saints from all the temples are gathered into one place, and people come to make offerings. At the end of the festival, priests read aloud the names of every person who lives in the area. Then they attach the list of names to a paper horse and set it aflame, letting the names rise to heaven.



## **Special CSRS Retirement Accounts**

Attention civil service employees covered by CSRS and CSRS-offset: did you know that you can contribute extra funds toward your retirement and earn tax-deferred interest? The 25 November issue of the Federal Employees News Digest contains an article explaining this voluntary contribution program. For more information, the article can be found on the WWW at <http://www.wpafb.af.mil/base/news/fedemp/index.html> or you can contact CSR (69833) to find the appropriate Component point of contact.

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## **MAISRC WIPT Reviews DM System**

On 20 November, a Major Automated Information System Review Council (MAISRC) Working-Level Integrated Product Group (WIPT) completed a review of the Depot Maintenance (DM) System. The result of the review was approval to use Naval Aviation Depot (NADEP) Jacksonville as the Initial Operation Test and Evaluation Site for deployment of the DM System.

The DM System Program provides improved and interoperable automated information systems (AIS) capabilities to support depot operations and includes the implementation of a common operating environment and common workstation. Specifically, the DM System at NADEP Jacksonville focuses on interfacing Facilities and Equipment Maintenance (FEM), Material Resource Planning II (MRP II), Baseline Advanced Industrial Management (BAIM), the Navy Industrial Financial Management System, and the Navy Materiel Management System (Retail). The remaining DM applications are also a part of the DM System but do not require additional interfacing with other systems at this time.

Upon successful operation of the DM System at Jacksonville and MAISRC approval, the DM System capabilities can be deployed to depots across the Services.



### ***Holiday Fact***

The custom of gift-giving on Christmas dates back to Victorian times. Before then it was more common to exchange gifts on New Year's Day or Twelfth Night.



# Test your “Grinch” knowledge!!!

Whether you have kids or are just a big kid yourself, everyone has seen the “How The Grinch Stole Christmas” at least once. And if you have kids you have probably seen this popular Christmas cartoon more than you care to count! The Team Advisor staff invites you put your “Grinch” knowledge to the test. (Answers can be found on page 9.)



## The WWW Grinch Quiz!

By Ink Web Studios

(<http://www.inkweb.com/grinch>)

1. *What is the dog’s name?*
2. *Where does the Grinch live?*
3. *What is the main reason the Grinch hates Christmas?*
4. *Where do the “Whos” live?*
5. *What materials did the Grinch use to make his coat & hat?*
6. *How many times does the Grinch get stuck in the chimney?*
7. *How long was the Grinch stuck?*
8. *Why did the Grinch think he could go down the chimney?*
9. *The Who Children will dance with what tied to their heels on Christmas day?*
10. *Who was the only Who who saw the Grinch on Christmas Eve?*
11. *How much do the “Whos” like Christmas?*
12. *While raiding the refrigerator, the Grinch took the last can of what?*
13. *What did the dog do before the Grinch tied him to the front of the sleigh?*
14. *What did the Grinch use to fasten the horn on the dog’s head?*
15. *Where did the Grinch stop first?*
16. *How did the Grinch get the idea to dress up as Santa?*
17. *The Grinch is referred to as a “bad banana” with a what?*
18. *Where did the Grinch tell the Who he was taking the Christmas tree?*
19. *What did the Grinch leave on the walls?*
20. *What was the last thing the Grinch took?*
21. *After eating their Christmas meal, what do the “Whos” do that the Grinch hates?*
22. *What is the name of the Mountain that the Grinch took the “Whos” Christmas to, and how high was it?*
23. *What did the Grinch do at the “Whos” Christmas feast?*

***End of the Quiz.....Hope you passed!***



## TOYS FOR TOTS

The annual TOYS FOR TOTS campaign, sponsored by the Marine Corps, is currently underway. New toys for any age group can be dropped off at collection barrels located in Building 15, 1st floor lobby, and Building 167, 1st floor lobby. The toy drive will continue through 19 December. Let's make the Holiday Season a little bit brighter for our local kids!



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## DM Thanksgiving Feast



## Thanksgiving Food Drive

The JLSC donated over 90 items to the Base-Wide Thanksgiving Food Drive sponsored by the Mac Ross Chapter of Tuskegee Airman, Inc. SSgt Greg Peel delivered the food items on 26 November to the WPAFB Family Services Food Pantry. This food helps those who are less fortunate and helps feed our base families. Thanks to all who contributed to this worthy cause.

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## JLSC Pancake and Sausage Sale





Congratulations JLSC!

JLSC's Combined Federal Campaign (CFC) contributions this year totaled \$36,394.63. This was \$4,077 more than collected last year and 117% of our goal. We had a 65% participation rate (compared to last year's 73%), so our per capita gifts were much higher. Thanks to all for your gracious generosity.

We had 38 pillar givers (one hour pay per month), of which two were contractors. We also had 9 double (or more) pillar givers. Together, they accounted for 37% of our contributors!

If anyone else would still like to contribute, please contact me for details and forms.

On behalf of the 1300+ organizations supported by this year's CFC campaign, thanks again for your abundant gifts. Every dollar does make a difference!

Pete Jacques  
JLSC CFC Chairman  
255-0841 ext 3190

### ***Holiday Fact***

Holly and ivy are a British winter tradition. Greenery was used to lift sagging winter spirits and remind the people that spring was not far away.

## **JLSC Cookbook Sale**

The JLSC Cookbook makes a great holiday gift for your favorite cooks! The book consists of recipes from JLSC employees and their relatives and has been tested and proven great. Price is only \$7.00 and proceeds go towards the Holiday Party. Points of contact are Sue Shirey (CV), 50347, or Connie Leimbach (DM), 50823 ext 3169. Sample books are available for your review. Santa's elves are waiting.

## **The M&M Candy Jar**

A jar full of M&Ms is making the rounds at the JLSC. It recently made the trip down to Building 15 from Building 167 and is currently located on Sue Shirey's (CV, 50347) desk in the Command Section. Guess the number of M&Ms and win the jar. There is no cost to enter and only one guess per person. The winner will be announced at the JLSC Holiday Luncheon on 20 December (YOU MUST BE PRESENT TO WIN). The last day to submit your entry is 19 December.



### ***Holiday Fact***

Mistletoe is found on willow and apple trees (and garden centers) and the practice of hanging it in the house goes back to the times of the ancient Druids. It is supposed to possess mystical powers which bring good luck to the household and ward off evil spirits.

### **Answers to the "Grinch Quiz"**

1. Max
2. Just north of Who-ville
3. All the noise, noise, noise!
4. Who-ville
5. Red curtain and the stuffing from Max's bed
6. Only once
7. Only a minute or two
8. If Santa could do it.....then so could the Grinch
9. Jing-linglers
10. Little Cindy Lou-Who
11. A lot!
12. Who-hash
13. Jumped on the sleigh for the ride!
14. Black thread
15. At the first little house on the square
16. From the snow on Max's face
17. Bad banana with a greasy black peel
18. Home to his workshop
19. Hooks and some wire
20. The log for their fire
21. Sing
22. Feet up
23. Carved the roast beast

## Open letter to all of my friends at JLSC!

I want to take a moment with you to reflect on my tour of duty at JLSC and to share with you how I feel about my Dayton experience. There are several facets to my experiences, namely professional and personal.

Professionally, I challenged myself going to JLSC because I was a “successful” functional manager from the NAVAIR depot community. I grew up in the depot, for some 20 years, forged by the fires of aggressive support to the fleet. This aggressiveness, coupled with a “Can Do” attitude, built the “firefighter” I was to become. A successful depot manager, “firefighter,” was rewarded for putting out “fires.” These fires were a result of suboptimized processes. Too busy putting out fires; not enough time to do quality process improvement. What I and my depot management peer group failed to understand was the relationship of process, data, and information technology. So when I came to JLSC, I had the opportunity to understand these relationships, how important they are, and how they ultimately drive successful process improvement.

The other significant professional experience was getting up close and personal with the acquisition disciplines I needed to master in order to become a successful project manager. Early on, I recognized the best course of action for me would be to “buddy up” with people who were acquisition experts, to learn the ropes, and at the same time share with others some of the hard facts about the depot maintenance process from the shop floor perspective. I recognize that I now have a better understanding of the acquisition environment and with this understanding I can, with much more confidence, move on to other career assignments which will require acquisition certification.

The best part of my Dayton experience was the people I came to know, love, and call friend. Many of you have shared the joy and pain Mary (spouse) and I experienced over the past three years. Without you being part of our lives, it would have been a very shallow, hollow existence. But because of you, we will always remember our Dayton time with deep emotion and heartfelt memories.

I wish each of you the best you can be! Semper Fi! And off into the wild blue yonder! Yes, even the Army, Air Force, and Marine Corps have rubbed off on me, and I’m a better person for it!

Bob Erwin  
(Former JLSC/DM PDMSS Project Manager)

### \*\*\* Attention JLSC Alumni \*\*\*

Drop us a note, send an e-mail, or give us a call, we would like to hear from you and write a little note to let other JLSCers know that there is life after the JLSC.



Please e-mail your articles or suggestions for articles, tidbits of JLSC information, personnel information, etc. to NEWSLTR, Kathy Curiel, or Tom Wlazlo for incorporation into future issues of the Team Advisor.

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